

The Town of James Island held its regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, 1238-B Camp Road, James Island, SC on Thursday, April 16, 2015. The following members of Council were present: Mayor Pro-Tem Leonard Blank, Garrett Milliken, Darren “Troy” Mullinax, Joshua P. Stokes, and Mayor Bill Woolsey, who presided. A quorum was present to conduct business.

Also present: Ashley Kellahan, Town Administrator, Attorney Bo Wilson, Wilson & Heyward, Mark Johnson, Public Works Coordinator, and Frances Simmons, Town Clerk.

Opening Exercises: Mayor Woolsey called the meeting to order. He opened in prayer and followed with the Pledge to the Flag. FOIA: This meeting was published and posted in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act and the requirements of the Town of James Island.

Presentation: Town Council heard a presentation from Charles McKissick of NDI Recognition Systems, and Lawton Bradshaw from the SC Law Enforcement Division (SLED) about static automatic license plate recognition (ALPR) cameras. These cameras are used by a number of local law enforcement departments, including Charleston County Sheriffs’ Office, and has been very successful for its intent and purpose. The cost to the Town for the installation of four (4) cameras (two each in two different locations) will be a one-time cost of \$45,000, and an annual renewal cost of \$5,534.00 which includes on-line support, hardware and software. After the presentation, Council’s questions were answered by the presenters.

Public Comments: None

Consent Agenda:

- a. Minutes of March 19, 2015 Regular Town Council Meeting
- b. Mayoral Litter Proclamation
- c. Fair Housing Proclamation
- d. Proclamation in Honor of Reverend Doctor Bernard J. Gadsden, Sr., Senior Pastor, First Baptist Church, James Island

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Councilman Stokes, seconded by Councilman Mullinax, and passed unanimously.

Information Reports:

- a. Finance Report: Town Administrator, Ashley Kellahan presented the March 2015 Budget Report noting that 75% of the fiscal year has been completed; revenues at 52% and expenditures year-to-date for all departments at 31% of the budget.
- b. Town Administrator’s Report: Town Administrator, Ashley Kellahan’s report included information on the Housing Rehabilitation Program with Habitat slated to begin on July 1st. The Town Sign on Folly Road has been taken down due to minor damage and will be moved to another location on the present site. The Intergovernmental Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 22nd at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. 24 building permits has been issued for work in the Town. Walgreens has agreed to the Town’s request to add a bus shelter into the design of their site plan for the redevelopment of their store at Camp and Folly Road. The Town held a meeting of the stakeholders for the Camp Road Sidewalk (from Folly Road to Riverland Drive) which included attendees from the City of Charleston, County Parks and Recreation, and Bishop Gadsden. The Town also hosted a meeting with the residents of the Lake Oakcrest subdivision to determine how best to maintain the lake there. The City participated in this meeting and suggested a special storm water fee to be added to property owners’ water bills. The residents agreed that this would be an acceptable method to generate funds. The City will handle the maintenance.
- c. Island Sheriff’s Patrol: Sergeant James gave the crime statistics report noting several burglaries that Island Sheriffs’ Patrol (ISP) hope to resolve soon. Detective Mitchell will attend the May Town

Council meeting to discuss possible strategies. Sergeant James also reported that 777 cars were stopped last month and one burglary suspect was apprehended.

Requests for Approval:

- a. Request for Summer Intern Program: Councilman Mullinax introduced a request for a Summer Intern Program. The Internship is open to a high school graduate or a college student seeking to gain knowledge and experience in all aspects of Town government, beginning in July through mid-August. The student will work a total of 20 hours per week and will receive a stipend to be determined by the Town Administrator. Councilman Mullinax moved to approve; seconded by Councilman Blank, and passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Land Use Committee: No report

Environment and Beautification Committee: Councilman Milliken reported on the Adopt-a-Highway trash pick-up scheduled for Saturday May 2nd. Lunch will be provided courtesy of Smokey Oak after the event for the participants. Also on May 2nd, James Island Pride will be collecting hazardous household wastes from 9-1 p.m. at the Town Hall (tv's, car batteries, cell phones), etc. because it is illegal to dispose of these wastes in trash cans or in recycling bins. James Island Pride and Charleston County will deliver these items to the Bees Ferry Landfill for disposal. Councilman Milliken thanked James Island Pride for the work that they do.

Councilman Milliken reported that he sent a letter and the Resolution passed by Town Council to oppose off-shore drilling to Abigale Harper, the Director of the Bureau of Ocean and Energy Management. He commented that he was encouraged by reading the letter sent to Council from Senator Campsen, and the reasons he gave for opposing off-shore drilling. He said an editorial by Senator Campsen appeared in a recent edition of the Post and Courier. Councilman Milliken said he was proud that Town Council voted to oppose off-shore drilling.

Children's Commission: Councilman Stokes announced that the next meeting of the Children's Commission will be held on Tuesday, May 12 at 5:30 p.m.

Councilman Stokes reported that a Task Force has been formed to discuss the future of Fort Johnson and James Island Middle Schools. The Task Force has met on its own on several occasions; however, community forums have also been formed to receive input from the public. A community forum will be held on Tuesday, April 21st at Stiles Point Elementary, from 6-7 p.m. and another on Thursday, April 23 at James Island Middle, from 6-7 p.m. These forums are being held to discuss, not only a plan for a new Fort Johnson Middle School, but also about a possible combination of both schools.

Public Safety Committee: Councilman Mullinax reported that the next meeting of the Neighborhood Council will be held on Thursday, April 23rd at 7:00 p.m. The Annual Hurricane Expo will be held on Saturday, May 9th from 9-1 p.m. at Lowes on Daniel Ellis Drive.

Councilman Mullinax reported that he attended a meeting at Charleston County this evening about the possible locations for the new James Island Library. Locations being considered are: the existing library on Camp Road; the Baxter-Patrick School on Grimball Road, and the Bi-Lo Shopping Center. He is unsure about the outcome of the meeting, whether or not a decision was made on a location. He mentioned that County Councilman Joe Qualey would like to host a public forum at the Town Hall for the residents' feedback.

History Commission: Increase Size of Membership: Mayor Woolsey motioned to increase the size of the membership of the History Commission from five to ten members; the motion was seconded by Councilman Milliken. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Resolutions:

- a. Resolution #2015-10: Island Sheriffs' Patrol Officer of the First Quarter: Mayor Woolsey recognized Deputy Daniel Wilcox, Island Sheriffs' Patrol Officer of the First Quarter. Sergeant James complimented Deputy Wilcox for the hard work he brings to Island Sheriffs' Patrol. He has worked 128 hours in three months; made 217 vehicle stops, and issued 56 tickets and 202 warnings. Mayor Woolsey complimented Deputy Wilcox and presented him with the Resolution which was read into the record. (attached)

Ordinances up for Second Reading: None

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New Business: None

Executive Session: None

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the body, the meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Frances Simmons
Town Clerk



RESOLUTION 2015-10

A RESOLUTION HONORING ISLAND SHERIFFS' PATROL (ISP) QUARTERLY AWARD
WINNER, DEPUTY DANIEL WILCOX


WHEREAS, the Town of James Island promotes the protection, safety, and welfare of its citizens by utilizing the services of the Island Sheriffs' Patrol, and

WHEREAS, Deputy Wilcox has brought honor, and integrity by enforcing the laws in the Town of James Island, and


WHEREAS, Deputy Wilcox has been recognized by his supervisors and peers for providing outstanding law enforcement service;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of James Island Council does hereby recognize Deputy Daniel Wilcox as the Island Sheriffs' Patrol, Deputy of the First Quarter, for February 2015 through April, 2015.

Enacted this the 16th day of April 2015


Bill Woolsey
Mayor

ATTEST


Frances Simmons
Town Clerk